



Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement 801 North First Street, Rm 400 San Jose, CA 95110-1795

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A UTILITY STRUCTURE ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT

## **DEFINITION:**

"Utility Structure" shall mean anything, except an antenna or utility pole, which a Provider constructs, erects or places on a site, and is attached or affixed to something having a permanent location on or under the ground which is used to provide its services to customers and which:

- Exceeds thirty-two (32) cubic feet total volume or minimum height of four (4) feet above grade; or
- Contains any generating equipment, regardless of size of the structure; or
- Has the potential for creating environmental impacts such that it would not be exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

## **CRITERIA:**

- A. All Utility Structures shall conform to all the applicable minimum criteria:
  - Utility Structures are subject to the following siting criteria:
    - Utility Structures shall be located in a public utility or public service easement; and
    - b. Utility Structures shall not be located in the front setback; and
    - Utility Structures may be located in side setback areas or along back fence if the backyard is along a major street;
    - d. Utility Structures shall maintain a minimum five (5) foot setback from the side property line or be located as closely as possible to an existing fence, whichever is less; and
    - e. Utility Structures shall not be located within six (6) feet of a residential structure as measured from the wall of the residential structure.
  - Sight lines shall remain unobstructed at intersections or driveways consistent with the Caltrans Traffic Safety Manual on file with the Director of Public.
  - 3. Utility Structures shall be enclosed or screened to match existing fencing, screening or landscaping.
  - 4. Utility Structures shall be constructed and treated with appropriate materials which discourage or repel graffiti.

- Utility Structures shall be sited to avoid impacts on ordinance sized trees.
- No Utility Structures shall exceed 110 cubic feet or maximum height of 5.5 feet above grade, exclusive of meter panels or pedestals.
- Utility Structures located on property zoned R-1 or used for single-family residential uses shall conform to the following additional criteria:
  - Utility Structures shall maintain a minimum sixty (60) feet setback from the front property line; and
  - 2. Utility Structures must serve the immediate residential area in which it is located; and
  - A three hundred (300') foot separation shall be maintained between all Utility Structures located on land zoned R-1 or used for single-family residential purposes.
- C. Utility Structures that contain power generating equipment shall meet all of the following applicable minimum criteria:
  - Utility Structures shall contain an automatic excess flow gas shutoff valve or other comparable equipment.
  - 2. Maximum noise levels emanating from the Utility Structure shall be subject to the General Plan noise policies.
  - 3. The Cabinet exhaust system and port shall:
    - The exposed exhaust stream temperature shall not exceed one hundred fifty eight (158) degrees Fahrenheit; and
    - The exhaust port shall be affixed with a warning label to indicate the danger of exposure to the exhaust temperature
    - c. Back-up batteries shall be programmed to vary their duration of operation with the length of power outage up to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. As technology allows and without increasing the size of the cabinets, cabinets shall be retrofied with higher capacity batteries capable of providing full service operation for a maximum of two hours a full (6.1 fW) load.





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## **ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT APPLICATION**

(UTILITY STRUCTURES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY)

APPLICANT			
PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT BUSINESS		DAYTIME TELEF	PHONE #
PRINT NAME OF CONTACT PERSON		FAX # ( )	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
SIGNATURE			DATE
PROPERTY OWNER			
PRINT NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER		DAYTIME TELEPHONE # ( )	
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